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Mr. John Sullivan
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Subject: Signing for – I-73/74 Guilford, Randolph, and Montgomery Counties.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

This letter is in reference to the addition to the Interstate System for Interstate Route 73 and 74 in Guilford, Randolph, and Montgomery Counties. As you know, Interstate Route 73 was approved by the U.S. Congress as a High Priority Corridor with the National Highway System Act of 1995. In addition, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) received approval from AASHTO for both I-73 and I-74 route number designation along with designation by the U.S. Congress as a future part of the Interstate System under Section 332(a)(2) of the NHS Designation Act of 1995.

As indicated in a memo dated July 7, 1997 to Mr. Nicholas L. Graf, P.E., Division Administration a request was made by NCDOT to approve the addition of US 220 from Greensboro southward to Emery to the Interstate system under 23 USC 139(a) with design exceptions from north of SR 1462 in Asheboro to south of NC 134-US 220 Business. This request for design exceptions was approved in a memo dated September 2, 1997 from Mr. Graf with only five items to be corrected. The memo also indicated that once the deficiencies were corrected, the route may be signed as an Interstate Route. TIP project I-4407 was developed to correct the five deficiencies as listed on the September 2, 1997.

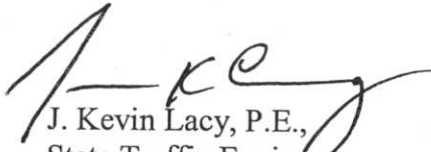
The portion of I-73/I-74 in Montgomery County from US 220 Alternate north of Ether/Star to US 220 north of Emery is open to traffic and completed to Interstate standards. The proposed I-73/I-74 route is a controlled access, divided, multi-lane freeway on new location. As indicated in your email dated June 23, 2010 to Mr. Bradley Hibbs, P.E., "the NCDOT can sign the segment, from Star to Emery, as soon as the NCDOT awards the contract for TIP project I-4407." The TIP project I-4407 was awarded on June 28, 2010.

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Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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